(c) The revised tender notice as requested has been issued in the newspaper in November, 2002.

Revival scheme of NTC

2200. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest stage of the implementation of revival scheme of NTC(APKK&M) Ltd. as ordered by BIFR;

(b) how many workers have been given VRS compensation so far;

(c) whether VRS compensation is being paid simultaneously to workers of both revivable units and non-revivable units as directed by BIFR;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) which revivable mill is having largest number of excess workers who have to retire on VRS and when the payment of compensation will be made to those workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) As per Revival Scheme of NTC (APKKM) approved by BIFR, assets were unencumbered by paying the secured creditors, Modernisation plans were prepared for revival of 10 viable mills, 5 non-revivable mills have been closed under ID Act and surplus assets are being sold for generating resources for implementing the Scheme.

(b) VRS to 1488 employees has been given.

(c) and (d) No Sir, due to limitation in availability of funds, at present VRS is offered to the employees in non-functioning unviable mills proposed for closure as per the Scheme.

(e) In NTC (APKKM), Minerva Mills, Bangalore proposed for revival has 924 surplus employees who are to be given VRS within the two-year implementation period for the Scheme.

Setting up Apparel and Hosiery park at Kanpur in UP

2201. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has approved a proposal for setting up an Apparel and Hosiery Park at Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh;